

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2360

James Reaney, Jr. House

1500 Old Orchard Lane

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1800 ca., 1910 ca.

Private

The James Reaney, Jr. House dates to a period of early 20th century growth in the community of Riderwood. The land now encompassing the community formerly known as Riderwood Station and Post Office began to take shape as early as 1850, when the Northern Central Railroad extended north roughly parallel with the present Bellona Avenue and intersected with West Joppa Road. The farms that traversed the landscape, including the property of Samuel Cole, were subdivided over the next twenty-seven years, and by 1877, many additional dwellings were constructed in the area. The property now occupied by the James Reaney, Jr. House was improved as early as 1790 by a log house. Located west of Towson and south of Lutherville, Riderwood appears to have been the location of a few country houses owned by wealthy families in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Walnut Hill, Chestnut Summit, and Rider family estates were located here. One of the larger estates belonged to James Reaney, Jr. Reaney had acquired the Samuel Cole property and expanded the existing log dwelling circa 1910. The 1915 county atlas confirms that Riderwood was a suburban residential community along the railroad line.

The James Reaney, Jr. House originated circa 1800 as a log house, no exterior evidence of which was visible at the time of the survey. The log structure was completely obscured circa 1910 by a series of Dutch Colonial Revival style alterations to the building. The current house fronts west and features a wide three-bay-wide main block that rises two-and-a-half stories. The German-sided wood frame main block features a wide gambrel roof clad in asphalt shingles and a full-width, one-story porch with a shed roof supported by turned wood posts spanned by a square-edged wood balustrade. The first story is centrally pierced by a paneled single-leaf wood door with a three-light transom and three-light sidelights over paneled dado flanked by two one-story canted bays, each of which is pierced by three 2/2 windows. Three 2/2 windows pierce the second story of the main block. Three grouped 1/1 windows are located in the gambrel peak. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Projecting from the south elevation of the main block is a two-story, German-sided wing with a side gambrel roof clad in asphalt shingles. The south elevation of the wing is enhanced by a one-bay-square porch with an enclosed second story. One central interior and two interior end chimneys, all of which features stretcher bond brick construction, rise through the roof of the building. A circa 1900 brick privy and circa 1960 animal shelter and barbecue are also located on the property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2360

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic James Reaney, Jr. House (preferred), Samuel Cole House
other Cooper House

2. Location

street and number 1500 Old Orchard Lane not for publication
city, town Baltimore vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David S. and Ellen S. Cooper
street and number 1500 Old Orchard Lane telephone Not Available
city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21204

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6937 folio 562
city, town Towson tax map 69 tax parcel 882 tax ID number 0911155460

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
____ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
____ district	____ public	____ agriculture	Contributing
X building(s)	X private	____ landscape	Noncontributing
____ structure	____ both	____ commerce/trade	____ 2 buildings
____ site		____ defense	____ sites
____ object		X domestic	____ structures
		____ education	____ objects
		____ funerary	____ 2 Total
		____ government	
		____ health care	
		____ industry	
		____ recreation/culture	
		____ religion	
		____ social	
		____ transportation	
		____ work in progress	
		____ unknown	
		____ vacant/not in use	
		____ other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Located north of the building is a circa 1900 privy of solid six-course American bond brick construction with a pyramidal roof clad in asphalt shingles. A paneled single-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround centrally pierces the façade.

A circa 1960 animal shelter is sited west of the privy. The one-and-a-half-story wood frame building features flush vertical board siding, a concrete block foundation, and an asphalt-shingled side gable roof. One of the two bays is open, while the second bay is pierced by a four-light casement window with a square-edged wood surround.

The coursed rubble stone barbecue dates to circa 1960.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1800 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca., 1910 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ It is presently unknown as to whether or not the log house that is contained within the extant structure is the log house that dates to circa 1790.

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1910, the James Reaney, Jr. House has been associated with the 1.14 acres of land known as tax parcel 882 of map 69 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office. Prior to 1910, the earlier Samuel Cole log house, contained within the present building, was associated with this same parcel of land.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



- BA-1167
8308 THORNTON ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1161
1812 LANDRAKE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0023
8807 WHITE MANOR DRIVE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0216
1901 WEST JOPPA ROAD
RIDERWOOD, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2141
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2359
1600 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2425
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1775
1400 WALNUT HILL LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2140
7106 SHERWOOD AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2360
1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2202
2004 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2203
2008 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2644
10145 FALLS ROAD
BROOKLANDVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2372
- BA-1777
7205 BELLONA AVENUE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2230
7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2356
14 MEADOW ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2357
104 WOODBROOK LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE
Scale: 1:24,000
N

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	-----

 Interstate Route
 U.S. Route
 State Route

BA-2358
211 WOODBROOK LANE
BALTIMORE
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1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE, BALTIMORE
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TRACERIES

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SE CORNER

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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